



City of San Antonio Volunteer Newsletter



The City Celebrates Volunteer Appreciation Week

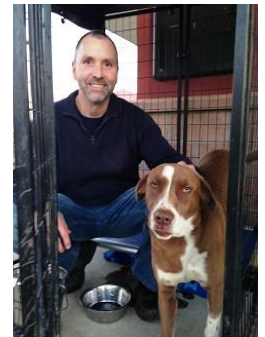
The City of San Antonio celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week April 6-13, 2014 with those who give of their time in various ways working in parks, wiping out graffiti, stocking shelves in libraries, and caring for animals. During this week, the City had more than 900 volunteers who gave their time. This included employees from AT&T to spread mulch in Madison Park, employees from SeaWorld walking and bathing dogs, students from Buckner Fanning Christian school wiping out graffiti in a drainage channel, volunteers stocking shelves at various branch libraries, Navy volunteers from Lackland AFB abating graffiti, volunteers planting trees at Kennedy Park and Medina Base Park, and Girl Scouts performing litter cleanup at Olmos Basin Park. Thanks to all the volunteers who participated during 2014 Volunteer Appreciation Week and throughout the year.

Sincerely,
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Volunteer Highlights

PetCo Managers Volunteer with Animal Care Services

When Bob came to San Antonio to attend a training seminar with PetCo's Corporate office, he had no idea he'd be leaving with a new friend! Bob and several other PetCo employees from all over the country assisted ACS with a bunch of projects while they were here. Berkleigh was on her last day and was depressed and shy so she wasn't getting any attention. Something about her big brown eyes just tugged at his heart and, before he left for the day, he had adopted her. Not planning to fly home with a furry friend, Bob had made arrangements for a co-worker to hang onto her while he made plans to fly her back home to Ohio later, but when his flight got cancelled, he took it as a sign and rented a car so they could go home together. Berkleigh has fit in great in Ohio with Bob, his wife and his other 3 dogs. She's still getting used to the snow, but loves cuddling on the couch with the other dogs.



March 8, 2014 Martinez Park Beautification

Martinez Park received an instant makeover with the help of the 120 park volunteers on March 8th. Volunteers from Girl Scouts, USAA, Lackland and the general community planted trees, replanted the butterfly garden, painted over graffiti and added a new layer of mulch to the playground. A special thank you to Councilwoman Gonzales for providing breakfast tacos and water to help fuel these awesome volunteers!

Volunteer Highlights Continued...

Volunteers Help Make Fiesta Verde

A tremendous Fiesta thanks to the volunteers from the City of San Antonio, Kohls, Hyatt Hotel, Walmart, and many others who made this another successful Fiesta Verde! More than 400 volunteers spent their Fiesta distributing yellow recycle bags at both the Battle of Flowers and Flambeau parades. The volunteers distributed the bags to facilitate recycling efforts along the parade routes.

Special thanks also goes to the nearly 80 City employees and friends who shared their Fiesta and continue to give back to the community. Thanks for being part of the great team at the City of San Antonio.



Students Together Achieving Revitalization (S.T.A.R.)



During the weekends of March 29-30 and April 5-6 the Office of Historic Preservation, with the help of over 160 volunteers from UTSA College of Architecture, UT Austin and the neighborhood, provided exterior repairs and maintenance to 11 houses in the Dignowity Hill Historic District. Some of the work included scraping and painting exteriors, reconstructing a front porch, repairing a porch railing, re-installing a missing column, constructing new wood window screens and repairing windows. We would like to thank our professional volunteers Victor Salas with ARTchitectural Interiors, Joseph Villarreal with Barlett Cocke and Felix Ziga and our recurring leaders Mary Hatch, Karl Larsen and Fred Fox. For before and after pictures go to <http://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/Docs/Events/>

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Saturday June 14th: Totally Awesome 80's Fitnessthon 5K

Volunteers are needed to assist with the water station during San Antonio Parks & Recreation's Totally Awesome 80's Fitnessthon 5K and Expo on June 14 at LBJ Park. Ages 12+. 7am-1:30pm. Shifts are available. Call (210) 207-8603 or email Meredith.Tilley@sanantonio.gov to RSVP. For general event info, click here: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/parksandrec/fitpassSA.aspx>

2 Saturdays every month 9:00am-11:00am: Graffiti Wipeout in District 7, locations TBD

A call for volunteers! Graffiti wipeouts will occur in District 7 on 2 Saturdays a month. Our Graffiti Wipeout Program does a number of things to decrease vandalism, such as painting over and removing graffiti on public property in parks and other areas in designated corridors. Upcoming scheduled dates are as follows: 5/31, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23. For more information, please contact Lisa McKenzie at (210) 207-5430 or lisa.mckenzie@sanantonio.gov

To register as a volunteer for any of these opportunities, please click on the following link <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=1439256150>